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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH GENERAL MURDANI ON IRIAN JAYA  
AND EAST TIMOR

1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GLEYSTEN, ACCOMPANIED BY  
AMBASSADOR AND DCM, MET WITH GENERAL BENNY MURDANI, ASST.  
CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INTELLIGENCE, ON MARCH 7. DURING THIS  
MEETING, GLEYSTEN SAID THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE  
HAD VISITED PAUPA NEW GUINEA THIS PAST JANUARY. DURING  
THIS TRIP THE QUESTION OF INSURGENCY IN IRIAN JAYA HAD  
BEEN RAISED AND HOLBROOKE HAD LEFT CONVINCED OF THE SINCERE  
DESIRE OF PNG OFFICIALS TO HAVE AND MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS  
WITH THE GOI. HE WAS ALSO CONVINCED THAT THE PNG DESIRED  
FULL COOPERATION REGARDING THE POSSIBLE-USE OF ITS TERRITORY  
BY INSURGENTS FROM IRIAN JAYA. DAS GLEYSTEN SAID THAT HE  
WISHED TO TRANSMIT THESE IMPRESSIONS AND TO REITERATE  
OAKLEY'S CONVICTION ALREADY EXPRESSED TO MURDANI THAT  
THE PNG DID INDEED DESIRE TO CONTINUE ITS PRESENT GOOD  
RELATONS WITH THE GOI AND OUR VIEW THAT CLOSE COOPER-  
ATION BETWEEN THE TWO IS IMPORTANT FOR STABILITY IN THE  
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AREA AND FOR US PERCEPTIONS OF INDONESIA. MURDANIA SAID  
THE GOI ALSO HAD THE VIEW THAT THE PNG WAS ADOPTING A  
COOPERATIVE POLICY AND THAT INDONESIA LOOKED FORWARD TO  
CONTINUED GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO.

2. ON THE QUESTION OF TIMOR, DAS GLEYSTEN POINTED OUT  
THE CONTINUED SENSITIVITY OF THIS PROBLEM, ESPECIALLY

WITH RESPECT TO THE USE OF US WEAPONS AND THE LEVEL OF FIGHTING. HE COMMENTED ON THE RELATIVE SUCCESS OF THE AMNESTY OFFER WHICH HE HOPED WOULD CONTINUE IN DE FACTO EXISTENCE. HE POINTED OUT OUR BELIEF THAT US TALKS WITH THE AUSTRALIANS MAY HAVE INFLUENCED THEIR DECISION TO RECOGNIZE THE SITUATION AS IT IS. GLEYSTEN ASKED MURDANI WHAT THE SITUATION IS IN EAST TIMOR AND WHAT HE FORESAW THERE FOR THE FUTURE.

3. IN RESPONSE, MURDANI SAID THAT FRETELIN WAS NOW COMPOSED OF A SMALL HARD CORE MEMBERSHIP OF A FEW HUNDRED GROUPED AROUND EUROPEAN-EDUCATED LEADERS AND SUPPORTED BY A FEW THOUSAND TIMORESE WHO HAD GENERALLY BEEN FORCED TO ACCOMPANY THE FRETELIN INTO THE BUSH. HE NEITHER INDICATED NOR DENIED THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER OPERATIONS TO DESTROY THE FRETELIN REMNANTS. HOWEVER, HE DID FORESEE A CONTINUING PROBLEM IN THE AREA AS WELL AS IN THE UN FOR SOME TIME. HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE IS NOW ONE REGULAR INDONESIAN BATTALION MADE UP OF TIMORESE ALREADY IN ACTION AND THAT A SECOND LOCALLY RECRUITED BATTALION IS IN THE PROCESS OF TRAINING.

4. GLEYSTEN'S REITERATION OF THE SUGGESTION PREVIOUSLY MADE BY OTHER USG OFFICIALS THAT ALLOWING THE ICRC TO ENTER EAST TIMOR WOULD ASSIST THE INDONESIAN POSITION, AS WELL AS THE INHABITANTS OF EAST TIMOR, ELICITED NO  
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RESPONSE FROM MURDANI. HE HAS, HOWEVER, NONETHELESS ONCE AGAIN CLEARLY GOTTEN THE MESSAGE THAT WE REMAIN INTERESTED IN INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE REGION.  
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